

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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FROM THE COMMANDER

BY BRUCE MALTERUD

Comrades,

July 3rd will be our meeting at the Eagles starting at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

Right after the meeting on the 3rd, we will be going down to Vernon's Resort to post the colors just before the fire works. Other activities over the 4th of July will be the parade on July 1st at 1:00 p.m. and on the 4th at Debs will be the parade at 11:00 a.m.

Well with the state VFW Convention behind us we did OK. I was recognized for, Outstanding Participation, as the state department Scouting chairmen. The Post 1260 along with the auxiliary received 100% Complete & On-Time Community Service Reporting and also Post and Auxiliary took 2nd place in the state Post Publications Contest for medium size posts, John Naastad Editor.

July 18th the Color Guard will be going to Itasca State Park where we will be kicking off the start of Warrior Paddle. There will be four veterans from four different states paddling this year as they work out issues with past war experiences.

Retired Air Force rated officers with Air Force Specialty Codes 11X-pilot, 12X-combat systems officer or 13B-air battle manager are encouraged to apply for the Voluntary Retired Return to Active Duty Program. Also eligible to apply are current Air Force rated officers in those AFSCs with an approved retirement order. Officers currently serving on active duty under the 2017 VRRAD program whose tour lengths are limited to 12 months may apply for tour extensions under this program. The Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) will accept applications for VRRAD until Dec. 31, 2018, or until all openings are filled. This was taken from Military Report that I receive by e-mail.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- July 1— Bemidji Parade
- July 3rd—Post Colors at Vernon's Resort
- July 4—Debb's Parade

On the Lighter Side: Math Whiz, A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "That's easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the Pastor said: "4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

Commander Bruce

Mark your calendars! Next meeting is Tuesday, July 3rd!!!

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

July 2, 1776 - The Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the following resolution, originally introduced on June 7, by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia: "Resolved, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved. That it is expedient forthwith to take the most effectual measures for forming foreign Alliances. That a plan of confederation be prepared and transmitted to the respective Colonies for their consideration and approbation."

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

NOTICE: VFW website: www.vfwpost1260.org. All updated information is available concerning our local VFW Post #1260 as well as our state and national information.

VFW Post #1260 Meeting Date: Tuesday June 5th at 7:00 pm at the Eagles Club.

1. July 4 – Independence Day
July 1 Bemidji Parade
July 4 Debbs Parade
July 3 Veronen's Resort
2. July 6 – Aphelion (When Earth's orbit takes it farthest away from the Sun.)

Bring another veteran to our meeting.

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Veterans Homes History

1887: The history began shortly after the Civil War. Because of the devastation brought on by that conflict, there was a growing conviction that provisions should be made for the care of the nation's Veterans. The Minnesota legislature authorized the Minnesota Soldiers' Home in 1887 as a reward to the brave and deserving, and a Board of Trustees was established to manage the facility.

1930's: On November 11, 1934, construction of Building 9 on the Minneapolis campus was started. Completed in 1937, Building 9 was constructed almost entirely by hand over a span of nearly three years. The building was demolished in 2009 and was replaced with a 100 bed skilled care facility that was completed and dedicated in 2012.

1960's: The view that Soldiers' Homes were rest homes persevered in Minnesota until the 1960s. In 1968, for example, the Minneapolis Soldiers' Home was licensed for 56 nursing care beds and 375 boarding care beds, the latter of which represented primarily custodial (non medical) care.

1970's: In 1972 a new nursing care facility was constructed on the Minneapolis campus, and another was built by 1980. In 1978, the old state hospital in Hastings was converted into a domiciliary residence for Veterans. The Hastings State Hospital was opened in 1900 and closed on May 1, 1978.

1980's: In 1988, the legislature reorganized and separated the Veterans Homes from the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans Homes Board of Directors was established, consisting of nine members appointed by the governor.

1990's: Over the next 10 years three more facilities were added, bringing the total in Minnesota to five. The breakdown of the beds was as follows: Minneapolis, 346 skilled nursing care beds and 77 domiciliary beds; Hastings, 200 domiciliary beds; Silver Bay, 89 skilled nursing care beds; Luverne, 85 skilled nursing care beds, and Fergus Falls, 85 skilled nursing care beds.

2007: On November 19, 2007, the Veterans Home Board was eliminated and the duties and responsibilities were transferred to the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

2009: Building 9 at the Minneapolis Veterans Home was scheduled for replacement in 2009.

2018: Gov. Dayton sign bonding bill for Bemidji Veterans Home.

Source: <https://www.va.gov>



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OUR SACRIFICE

<u>Conflict</u>	<u>Casualties</u>
American Revolution	50,000
Northwest Indian War	1,881
War of 1812	20,000
Mexican American War	17,435
Civil War—Union	646,392
Civil War—Confederate	~524,000
Dakota War of 1862	263
Spanish-American War	4,068
Philippine-American War	7,126
World War I	320,518
World War II	1,076,245
Korean War	128,650
Vietnam War	211,454
Afghanistan War	23,625
Iraq War	37,052

NOTE: There are other smaller conflicts not listed where service members sacrificed their lives

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

(Members of the Armed Forces)

Eternal Lord God, who alone governs the heavens and rules the raging seas, mercifully take under Your Almighty and most precious protection our Country's armed forces members. Preserve them from danger upon the sea, on the land, and in the air, and from the violence of the enemy, that they may be a safeguard for our Country and a security for its people; that we may in peace and quietness serve You, our God, to the glory of Your name.

Amen.

O God Almighty, the Creator and Ruler of the Universe, we ask that You will strengthen and protect the members of the armed forces of the United States of America. In the day of battle, may they be courageous and strong, resourceful and capable, resolute and victorious. In the time of peace, may they serve with dignity and honor, as effective emissaries of good will for this Nation. May their devotion and loyalty to You and to their homeland inspire them in moments of challenge, and comfort them in tribulation and long separation from loved ones. And finally, we ask that they may return safely to serve You and our Country in the days and years to come.

Amen.

The VFW Chaplains Handbook



SPOT LIGHT ON....

July 4th

Fun Facts:

2.5 million - In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation.

Towns with Patriotic Names

31 - Places have "liberty" in their names. The most populous one as of April 1, 2010, is Liberty, Mo. (2,339) Iowa, with four, has more of these places than any other state: Libertyville, New Liberty, North Liberty and West Liberty.

35 - Places have "eagle" in their names. The most populous one is Eagle Pass, Texas (26,248).

11 - Places have "independence" in their names. The most populous one is Independence, Mo. (116,830).

9 - Places have "freedom" in their names. The most populous one is New Freedom, Pa. (4,464).

1 - One place with "patriot" in the name. Patriot, Ind. (209).

5 - Places have "America" in their names. The most populous is American Fork, Utah (26,263).

More than 1 in 4 - The chance that the hot dogs and pork sausages consumed on the Fourth of July originated in Iowa. The Hawkeye State was home to 19.0 million hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011. This estimate represents more than one-fourth of the nation's estimated total. North Carolina (8.6 million) and Minnesota (7.6 million) were also homes to large numbers of pigs.

Over 1 in 3 - The odds that your side dish of baked beans originated from North Dakota, which produced 36 percent of the nation's dry, edible beans in 2010. Another popular Fourth of July side dish is corn on the cob. Florida, California, Georgia, Washington and New York together accounted for 68 percent of the fresh market sweet corn produced nationally in 2010.

July 3, 1775 - During the American Revolution, George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

July 4, 1776 - The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.

July 19, 1863 - During the American Civil War, Union troops made a second attempt to capture Fort Wagner near Charleston, South Carolina. The attack was led by the 54th Massachusetts Colored Infantry, commanded by Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, who was killed along with half of the 600 men in the regiment. This battle marked the first use of black Union troops in the war.

July 20, 1969 - A global audience watched on television as Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon.

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

July 24, 1943 - During World War II in Europe, the Royal Air Force conducted Operation Gomorrah, raiding Hamburg, while tossing bales of aluminum foil strips overboard to cause German radar screens to see a blizzard of false echoes. As a result, only twelve of 791 Allied bombers involved were shot down.

July 24, 1945 - At the conclusion of the Potsdam Conference in Germany, Winston Churchill, Harry Truman and China's representatives issued a demand for unconditional Japanese surrender. The Japanese, unaware the demand was backed up by an Atomic bomb, rejected the Potsdam Declaration on July 26.

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POST AUXILIARY

As we head into July, we are also heading into a new auxiliary year. Our new officers have been elected and installed. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer remain the same for the coming year. Many of our other officers are also the same as last year. This is good news in the fact that we have people in offices that already have some knowledge of what is expected of them, and how to do their job.

As we have told you in the past, we welcome your thoughts and ideas for any new (or improved) way we can serve our veterans and their families. Please bring your ideas to the meetings with you, or send them to me by regular mail or e-mail.

We hope to increase our numbers of active members in the year ahead, and ask that you do whatever you can to encourage new members to join our ranks. If you know of anyone, male or female, that is eligible to join the VFW Auxiliary please invite them to do so. If they would like to attend a meeting or two first that is okay too.

Please come join us the first Monday evening of the month at the Bemidji Eagles at 7:00 p.m. Your good attitude and "can do" spirit is the best possible thing you can bring to a meeting. With that spirit, and our love for our veterans, we can accomplish great things this coming year.

We wish you all the best as you celebrate this July 4th holiday. Do what you can to thank and celebrate with our veterans and their families over this holiday.

Thank you, and take care.

Margaret Booge, President

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ACTIVITIES THIS PAST MONTH



VFW Post 1260 Auxiliary Members for the 2018-2019 term.

Left to right: Lana Wraa, Mandi Malterud, Margaret Booge, Donna Kimmes, Barb Naastad, Donna Fricke, Janet Haugen, Ro Abdelrehem, Patsy Teufer



OUR DAILY COMMITMENT

Hours served last month:
160

38 members volunteered
last month

Current Members: 256

2018 TAPS

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